



Turkey

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Like many neighbouring countries the vine goes back some 7,000 years where it played important part in social life and libations to the Gods. Provisions protecting viticulture were laid down in Hittite law and the custom of celebrating each vintage shows its importance. Through the centuries it developed and it seemed to survive through the Ottoman Empire. The main attitude was one of tolerance although from time to time prohibition was imposed. It was though found that this worked against the economy as taxes from wine certainly helped the exchequer. Production reached record levels during the second half of the 19th century and this was the period when phylloxera was devastating the European vineyards. The First World War and the war of Independence had a negative effect but in 1928 government support for wine makers helped to restore the vine's fortunes.

There are a large number of wine regions today spread from Mamara, the Aegean and Mediterranean to Mid –Southern, Mid-Northern, Mid-Eastern and South East Anatolia.

Grape varieties vary from region to region and there is a great mix from indigenous varieties, to French and International.

Angora Aegean Region

Red Wines

Angora Red 2011

89

2015-18

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Carignan Alicante

Tasted in Turkey June 2015

There is a complex mix of flavours on the nose the palate a mix of red fruits and black fruits mulberries and bramble. Sweet and ripe quite fleshy in the middle the back palate is lighter fresher with black pepper spiciness.

Doluca Marmara & other regions

Established in 1926 the company has spread its interests through different wine producing regions from Canakkale in the west to Diyarbakir in the east.

White Wines

DLC Sultaniye-Emir 2009 **88** **2011-13**
Sultaniye 60% Emir 40%
Aegean / Mid-Southern Anatolia
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 Although the nose is quite light it has lovely fragrances. It is slightly richer and sweeter in the middle with fresh fruit at the back.

DLC Narince 2009 **89** **2011-13**
Narince 100%
Mid-Eastern Anatolia
Tasted at Party Ingredients October 2011
 The nose is fragrant with attractive fresh fruit backed by a hint of spice. The palate has some sweetness with some rich quite sweet tropical fruits in the middle with again towards the back an oriental spiciness.

Antik White 2009 **92** **2011-13**
Emir 40% Narince 40% Semillon 20%
Mid-Southern Anatolia / Mid-Eastern Anatolia / Marmara
Tasted at Party Ingredients October 2011
 The nose has a lovely mix of fragrances with tropical fruits backed by grapefruit. On the palate the flavours are balanced all in harmony with the sweetness underpinned by citrus that refreshes and brings out the fruit flavours towards the back. The mix of fruits linger on the long finish.

Rosé Wines

Verano 2009 **87** **2011-15**
Oküzgözü 65% Cabernet Sauvignon 35%
Mid-Eastern Anatolia / Marmara
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 Both nose and palate are light with some fragrant red fruits in evidence. The middle is more Cabernet with sweet cassis but the red fruit freshness of the nose comes through on the finish.

Red Wines

Villa Doluca Neo 2009 **87** **2011-15**
Bogazkere Kalecik Karasi Oküzgözü
Aegean / Mid-Eastern Anatolia
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 The nose is very fragrant quite light and red fruited. There is more depth on the palate with quite a nice weight of flavour on the finish.

- Villa Doluca Red 2011** **88** **2015-18**
Oküzgözü Shiraz Alicante
Tasted in Turkey June 2015
 Sweet on the nose the start of the palate has depth. Mulberry and red cherry the mid palate is fresher with nice layers of flavour and although quite rich at the back the finish is lighter with black pepper spiciness.
- KAV Tugra Kalecik Karasi 2008** **87** **2011-15**
Kalecik Karasi 100%
Aegean / Mid-Northern Anatolia
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 Red fruited freshness is much in evidence on both nose and palate and although underpinned by slightly richer mulberry the palate lacks a little depth.
- DLC Oküzgözü 2009** **88** **2011-16**
Oküzgözü 100%
Mid-Eastern Anatolia
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 Rich ripe strawberry gives weight on the nose and fleshy depth on the palate. There is some mid freshness but the finish is quite fat and fleshy.
- KAV Tugra Oküzgözü 2008** **89** **2011-16**
Oküzgözü 100%
Aegean
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 The nose has a plum richness backed by red fruits but they feel ripe. The mid palate is sweet fruited but there is enough underlying freshness to balance.
- KAV Tugra Bogazkere** **90** **2011-16**
Bogazkere 100%
Aegean
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 Blackberry and blackcurrant both show on the nose and give richness to the mid palate. It feels fresher towards the back but is still very black fruit dominated.
- Antik Red 2008** **89** **2011-16**
Shiraz 60% Bogazkere 40%
Aegean
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 The nose is mainly red fruited although there is a touch of black cherry at the back. The sweetness on the mid palate gives way to fresher flavours towards the back spiced up by a touch of black pepper.

KAV Bogazkere Oküzgözü 2008 88 2011-16
Bogazkere 50% Oküzgözü 50%
South East Anatolia / Mid-Eastern Anatolia
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 The nose is very fragrant with a mix of black and red fruits. Both show on the palate with the sweetness of the black giving some weight in the middle and the red refreshing the finish.

Karma Cabernet Sauvignon Oküzgözü 2008 90 2011-16
Cabernet Sauvignon 75% Oküzgözü 25%
Marmara / Mid-Eastern Anatolia
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 It is sweet fruited with lots of blackcurrant and black cherry enriching both nose and palate. There a fresher feel towards the back but the finish is quite fleshy and rich.

Sarafin Shiraz 2008 91 2011-16
Shiraz 100%
Aegean
Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011
 The nose is sweet fruited with the black fruits tending to overpower the red. The richness on the palate is refreshed by the peppery spice that comes through on the finish.

**Kavaklidere
 Anatolia**

Red Wines

Cankaya Red 2011 89 2015-18
Bogazkere Oküzgözü Carignan Alicante
Tasted in Turkey June 2015
 Red fruited and fresh the nose is bright and the start of the palate light. Sweet in the middle with black fruits more to the fore the mix of fruits gives complexity the ripeness sweetness on the finish

Ancyra Oküzgözü 2012 89 2015-18
Tasted in Turkey June 2015
 Black fruits tend to dominate the nose is quite rich and the palate sweet with mid suppleness. Brighter at the back still black fruited with a bramble and bilberry mix the fruit lasting well on the finish.

**Kayra
 Thrace & Elazig**

There are two wineries one in Elazig in Eastern Anatolia (established in 1942) and the other Sarköy Winery in Thrace (established in 1996). The focus is on indigenous grapes although some of the international varieties have been introduced. Through their various brand names they are determined to put Turkey on to the international map.

White Wines

Buzbag 2014 88 2015-17

Emir Narince

Tasted in Turkey June 2015

Citrus freshness on the nose the start of the palate is bright. Slightly more depth in the middle more grapefruit in character the richer flavours the hint of tropical fruit underpinned by fresh fruit the finish long with a lime and lemon mix.

Kayra Vintage Chardonnay 2009 89 2011-14

Agean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

Lime and apple gives a fresh feel on both nose and palate. There is sweeter fruit more melon in character on the mid palate but the citrus and apple freshness is there giving a bright feel to the finish.

Terra Kalecik Karasi 2010 88 2011-13

Kalecik Karasi 100%

Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

It is very light and quite fragrant on the nose but the palate has more weight very red fruit in character backed by a hint of rose hips. This red grape was nearly extinct but luckily saves as the flavours are very distinctive.

Rosé Wines

Terra Kalecik Karasi 2010 89 2011-13

Kalecik Karasi 100%

Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose has lots of strawberry and this richer fuller flavour is very much in evidence on the palate. There is acidity coming through towards the back more of a raspberry character and this gives a lovely freshness to the finish.

Red Wines

Terra Kalecik Karasi 2010 89 2011-15

Kalecik Karasi 100%

Aegean*Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

The nose is full of ripe fruit with this sweetness of flavour giving some weight on the start of the palate. Red fruits dominate with rich strawberry underpinned by fresher raspberry. The back palate is quite rich with sweet fruit and yet has attractive fragrances with hints of rosehips.

Buzbag Classic 2013 **88** **2015-18**

*Oküzgözü 55% Bogazkere 45%***Mid-Eastern Anatolia / South East Anatolia***Tasted in Turkey June 2015*

Bright and fresh on the nose the start of the palate has a mix of red cherry and bramble lovely and spicy. There is more depth in the middle ripe plum but at the back the hedgerow mix the bramble and rosehips are fresh the fruit lasting well on the finish.

Buzbag Reserve 2004 **88** **2011-14**

*Oküzgözü 55% Bogazkere 45%***Mid-Eastern Anatolia / South East Anatolia***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

There is a powerful mix of red and black fruits on the nose and they give a rich start to the palate. The sweetness of the fruit fills out the back palate but there is a enough freshness to slightly lighten the finish.

Buzbag Reserve 2005 **89** **2011-15**

*Oküzgözü 50% Bogazkere 50%***Mid-Eastern Anatolia / South East Anatolia***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

The nose is deep and rich fruited with sweet black fruits tending to dominate the slightly fresher red. Blue berry, black and red cherry all give a lovely complexity on the finish.

Buzbag Reserve 2006 **89** **2011-15**

*Oküzgözü 50% Bogazkere 50%***Mid-Eastern Anatolia / South East Anatolia***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

The nose is full of black fruits black cherry and sloe with just a hint of sloe. The palate has a chewy quality quite firm in the middle but the back palate is packed full of rich fruit and the finish is full and satisfying.

Kayra Vintage Sangiovese 2007 **87** **2011-15**

Aegean*Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

Fresh red cherry features on the nose with lots of red fruits showing on the palate. Although there is some sweetness in the middle the back palate has a raspberry freshness.

Kayra Vinatge Merlot 2008	88	2011-16
Aegean / Marmara		
<i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i>		
Both nose and palate have the richness of ripe black plum. The mid palate is rich fleshy and quite supple but towards the back a touch of bilberry and bramble gives freshness on the finish.		
Kayra Vantage Cabernet Sauvignon 2008	86	2011-15
Aegean / Marmara		
<i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i>		
There is some nice sweet cassis on the nose but the tannins are rather obvious on the palate holding back the fruit and giving a slight hollow in the middle. The finish is fresh but lacking in depth.		
Kayra Vintage Shiraz 2009	88	2011-16
Aegean		
<i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i>		
There are some attractive red fruits on the nose quite light but fragrant. Spicier black fruits feature on the palate with the sweetness that shows at first balanced by red fruited freshness on the finish.		
Kayra Vintage Oküzgözü 2008	89	2011-16
Mid-Eastern Anatolia		
<i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i>		
The nose is very rich with a mass of black fruits. Layers of flavour come through on the palate first red cherry dominating then bramble and underneath black cherry. There is attractive fruit sweetness on the finish.		
Kayra Vintage Bogazkere 2008	89	2011-16
Aegean		
<i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i>		
The nose is quite light but very fragrant. Fresh red fruits are there on the mid palate and although there is some sweetness towards the back the finish has a red fruited freshness.		
Kayra Imperial Shiraz 2006	90	2011-15
Shiraz 95% Petit Verdot 5%		
Aegean		
<i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i>		
There is a lot happening on the nose with fresh red fruits backed by slightly fuller black. The palate has layers of flavour with the red fruits tending to dominate. The finish is racy quite spicy with lots of black pepper.		
Kayra Imperial Oküzgözü Blend 2006	91	2011-16
Oküzgözü 80% Bogazkere 6% Syrah 7% Petit Verdot 7%		

Mid-Eastern Anatolia / South East Anatolia*Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

The nose has a lot of rich concentrated flavours and the depth of sweet fruit fills out the palate. Layers of flavour give complexity the richness of the black fruits underpinned by some fresher red.

Kayra Imperial Cabernet Sauvignon 2008**91 2011-16****Aegean / Marmara***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

Cassis tends to dominate the nose but behind there is black cherry and liquorice. Layers of black fruits give complexity on the palate with sweet black currant underpinned by fresher black cherry and sloe. Dark chocolate gives richness whilst liquorice and coffee beans a touch of spice.

**Kocabag Winery
Uchisar
Cappadocia**

Red Wines**K of Kapadokia 2012****92 2017-20****Oküzgözü Bogazkere***Tasted in Lilley September 2017*

Black fruits are to the fore the nose has bramble freshness the palate is richer with black cherry a touch of cassis. The fleshy sweet chocolate rich fruit is underpinned by herbal freshness but it fills out at the back and finishes with a rich mix supple and fleshy.

**Likya
Lara-Antalya**

The vineyard dates back to 1999 when a mix of Turkish and international varieties were planted. The company is a “Château” producer making wines from only their own vineyards in the Elmali town of Antalya. The area is close to the Mediterranean with the vineyards lying some 1,100 metres high.

White Wines**Arykanda 2009****88 2011-13****Sauvignon Blanc 100%****Mediterranean***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

Crisp green lime gives a lovely freshness on both nose and palate. There are sweeter tropical fruits showing in the middle but racy citrus and apple comes through refreshing the back palate.

Arykanda 2009 **88** **2011-13**
Chardonnay 100%
Mediterranean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose is quite light and has apple freshness but the palate feels richer with more greengages showing and giving more weight towards the back. The finish has all the freshness of the nose backed by almond nuttiness.

Rosé Wines

Isinda 2009 **88** **2011-13**
Kalecik Karasi 100%
Mediterranean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose, although quite light, has an attractive floral fragrant charm. The palate has an attractive freshness and towards the back the hints of raspberry and wild strawberry give complexity to the finish.

Red Wines

Podalia 2008 **88** **2011-15**
Kalecik Karasi 70% Malbec 30%
Mediterranean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

There is lots of fresh red cherry on the nose with more of a black fruit and black truffle influence on the palate. Rich ripe black cherry gives weight towards the back but the finish has all of the freshness of raspberry.

Kizilbel Cabernet Sauvignon Bogazkere 2007 **89** **2011-15**
Cabernet Sauvignon 80% Bogazkere 20%
Mediterranean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The fruit on the nose is rich and ripe with a mix of cassis and black cherry. The palate starts a bit fresher with a touch of bilberry but towards the back chocolate and sweet black fruits enrich the finish.

Kizilbel Cabernet Sauvignon Bogazkere 2008 **89** **2011-16**
Cabernet Sauvignon 80% Bogazkere 20%
Mediterranean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

Black cherry is enriched by blackcurrant and sloe giving power to both nose and palate. There is freshness towards the back lighter black fruits and a touch of red but the finish shows all the power of the nose.

Kizilbel Merlot Syrah Oküzgözü 2008 **89** **2011-16**
Merlot 33% Syrah 33% Oküzgözü 33%
Mediterranean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

Rich sweet black plum fills out the nose and gives depth on the start of the palate. The mid palate feels fresher still quite black fruited but more of a black cherry and bramble character. Rich flavours are there at the back spiced up by black pepper.

Pamukkale Wines Güney

The winery was founded in 1962 in the north of the Province of Denizli by the eldest of the Tokat brothers Fevzi Tokat. The Güney Plateau is an important area the limestone and pebble soil benefitting from the River Menderes that runs through it. The Plateau also has the benefits of height being 850 metres above sea level.

White Wines

Senfoni Dry White 2009 **85** **2011-13**
Sultaniye 100%
Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

There is not a lot of fruit showing on the nose and although some fragrances on the palate it does not have a great deal of character.

Red Wines

Trio 2011 **90** **2015-19**
Kalecik Karasi Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz

Tasted in Turkey June 2015

The nose has depth of fruit the palate starts with ripe fruit fleshy and supple. Brighter in the middle the sweet fruit underpinned by red fruits mulberry and red cherry but is fills out at the back rich and ripe.

**Pasaeli Winery
Kaynaklar, Izmir
Aegean Region**

White Wines

Yapincak 2015 **88** **2016-19**
Yapincak 100%

Tasted at the Red Squirrel tasting London September 2016

The nose is fruity and rich the palate ripe apricot and pineapple. Mid freshness quite firm in the middle but there is a sweeter feel to the back palate with yellow peach on the finish.

Rosé Wines

Çalkarasi Rosé 2015 **88** **2016-18**
Çalkarasi 100%

Tasted at the Red Squirrel tasting London September 2016

The nose is a summer rose bed the start of the palate fresh with raspberries and redcurrants. Quite light in the middle the back palate has a trace of sweetness the finish light fresh and fragrant.

Red Wines

GN 2014 **90** **2016-21**
Karasakiz 82% Merlot 11%

Tasted at the Red Squirrel tasting London September 2016

Nutty, hints of spice the nose has red fruits the palate sweeter more black fruit in character. The back palate has the ripe plum of Merlot but underneath there is bilberry freshness the fruit lasting well on the finish.

Papazkarasi 2012 **91** **2016-20**
Papazkarasi 100%

Tasted at the Red Squirrel tasting London September 2016

The fresh black fruits the bramble and bilberry are backed by herbal spiciness. The mid palate is sweet depth in the middle ripe tannins fresher at the back balance the black fruits lingering on the finish.

Selendi Akhisar

The winery started in 2000 when a tobacco farm was bought and planted up with a mix of French grapes varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz. A second vineyard by the village of Sarnic was acquired in 2005 with a further addition in 2007 and here a much wider variety of vines have been planted. The label of Selendi changes each year with a painting of a contemporary Turkish artist producing a label. The range has been enlarged with the recently by the addition of a Rosé.

Rosé Wines

Rosé 2011 89 2012-14

Grenache Mourvèdre Cinsault Syrah

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

The mix of fruits on the nose is fresh very red fruited in flavour lots of redcurrants and raspberries. A touch of sweetness gives a little weight in the middle with the raspberry freshness giving brightness on the finish

Red Wines

Selendi 2008 90 2011-16

Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Shiraz 34% Merlot 20% Cabernet Franc 6%

Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose is very sweet fruited packed out with a mass of rich black fruits. The palate is fleshy with ripe rounded tannins and a touch of dark chocolate. Although the back palate is full of sweet black fruits there is enough freshness underneath to give a slightly lighter feel to the finish.

Selendi 2009 91 2012-17

Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Shiraz 34% Merlot 20% Cabernet Franc 6%

Aegean

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

Ripe black plum and cassis fill the nose a lovely richness of flavour. The palate is packed with black fruits, blackcurrant and black cherry fleshed out by damson plum. There is a fresher feel towards the back that brings out an attractive spiciness.

**Sevelin
Gaziemir-Izmir**

In 1942 Isa Güner a first generation immigrant from Bulgaria founded his own winery in Izmir. To it he brought his winemaking experience from France. In 1958 his sons joined him and from the initial 4 hectares the estate has grown to 160. The company produces wines from the Aegean area around Izmir and on the Anatolia Plateau.

White Wines

900 Fume Blanc 2009 87 2011-13

Sauvignon Blanc

Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose is very citrus driven and this crispness of flavour is there on the palate. It feels a bit sweeter towards the back but the finish has the freshness of lime and mineral.

Premium Chardonnay 2009**87 2011-13****Aegean***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

Rich greengage and melon give flesh on the nose and sweetness on the palate. There is freshness towards the back but then the oak comes through and tends to over dominate.

Rosé Wines**Pink Fumé 2009****86 2011-13****Merlot****Aegean***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

It is very light with not a lot of fruit on either nose or palate. Some plum and cherry are there towards the back but it lacks weight of flavour.

Red Wines**Kalecik Karasi 2009****88 2011-13****Aegean***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

The mainly black fruit mix is quite sweet filling out the nose and giving some weight on the palate. Towards the back it feels fresher with nuttiness on the finish.

Centum 2007**89 2011-14****Syrah****Aegean***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

The nose has lovely rich flavours with a mix of black and red fruits. The ripeness of the fruit gives a fleshy feel to the palate and the pepper spice of Syrah features on the finish.

900 Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**89 2011-16****Aegean***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

Cassis is very much in evidence on the nose all quite sweet. The palate has rich fruit backed by liquorice and coffee beans with the ripeness of the fruit filling out the back palate.

Sweet White Wines**Late Harvest 2009****89 2011-15**

Muscat**Aegean***Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011*

The perfume on the nose has a spicy character under which is lots sweet fruit. Ripe apricot and pear fill out the mid palate with towards the back the fragrance of exotic spices.

Suvla**Eceabat Canakkale****White Wines****Grand Reserve Roussanne Marsanne 2011****91 2012-15***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

The freshness of the fruit on the nose brings out the herbal flavours, hints of rosemary and thyme. The palate is richer the apricot and melon have a honeyed sweetness. The richness of the flavours is balanced by the cut apple at the back.

Chardonnay 2011**91 2012-15***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

The freshness of cut apple and lime brings out the fragrances on the nose and gives a racy start to the palate. The fruit feels ripe giving richness on the mid palate a touch of honey and lots of ripe melon but towards the back the apple and citrus come through giving a lovely fresh feel to the finish.

Reserve Chardonnay 2011**92 2012-16***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

There is a honeyed richness on the nose and lots of ripe fruit fleshing out the palate. The layers of fruit apricot, greengages and melon give complexity and there is enough apple crispness to balance the honeyed richness. The finish has a hint of hazelnut a touch of spice.

Rosé Wines**Rosé 2011****92 2012-14****Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

The fruit on the nose is fresh exuberant with lots of redcurrants and raspberries. The freshness at the start of the palate is balanced by some richer strawberry sweeter fruit that fills out the mid palate. Towards the back the redcurrant mix comes through giving a lovely crispness on the finish.

Red Wines

Grenache Noir 2011**91 2012-16***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

There is a lot happening on the nose an explosion of flavour. Blackberry is backed by mulberry the freshness at the start of the palate giving way to sweeter flavours and a figgy richness. The fresh fruit comes to the fore towards the back bringing out the herbal mix, thyme and oregano all spiced up by black pepper.

Merlot 2010**91 2012-16***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

The fruit feels ripe filling out the nose and the black plum on the palate is fleshy and rich. Silky tannins add to the richness and suppleness lots of plum and blackberry. There is a touch of spice overlaying the rich fleshy black plum finish.

Syrah 2010**91 2012-16***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

The nose has more of a red fruit character the fresh red cherry and wild strawberry spiced up by black pepper. Sweet fruit and rounded tannins give a supple richness on the mid palate and although the fruit towards the back is ripe and sweet there is enough freshness to balance.

Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah Merlot 2010**92 2012-18***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

The fruit on the nose is ripe a lovely mix of black and red fruits back by a touch of herbal spice. Black plum and dark chocolate give a fleshy richness on the palate the tannins are supple the feel is velvety but there are fresh red fruits in evidence and they lift the flavours towards the back and bring out the cedar wood herbal spiciness.

**Turasan Winery
Cappadocia**

Red Wines**Turasan Kalecik Karasi 2012****91 2015-20***Tasted in Turkey June 2015*

Bright and fresh on the nose the start of the palate has a mix of redcurrant and bramble. Sweet in the middle good depth and weight of the fruit with the bramble, bilberry and redcurrant mix giving a fresh feel to the finish.

Turasan Oküzgözü Bogazkere 2010**91 2015-19***Tasted in Turkey June 2015*

Fleshy and rich on the nose the palate has depth sweet fruit lots of fleshy black plum. Slightly lighter in the middle bilberries, brambles and a touch of bitter cherry but it fills out at the back with sweet ripe black plums.

**Vinkara
Kalecik**

The winery was founded in Kalecik Ankara in 2003 on 590 acres of land at an altitude of 650 metres. 412 acres have now been planted near the Kizilimak River and of this 60% of the vineyard has been planted with the Kalecik Karasi grape. The vineyard holding is supported by a modern winery.

White Wines

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| Vinkara White 2010 | 87 | 2011-13 |
| <i>Emir 40% Narince 40% Sultaniye 20%</i> | | |
| Mid-Southern Anatolia / Mid-Eastern Anatolia / Aegean | | |
| <i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i> | | |
| The nose, although light, has an attractive fragrance and the floral character shows through on the palate. It is a bit light and lacking in character on the finish. | | |
| Quattro White 2010 | 88 | 2011-13 |
| <i>Sultaniye 30% Emir 30% Narince 30% Chardonnay 10%</i> | | |
| Aegean / Mid-Southern Anatolia / Mid-Eastern Anatolia | | |
| <i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i> | | |
| Although the nose is light it has some attractive fragrances. Fresh citrus driven fruits are there on the mid palate with sweeter topical fruits showing towards the back. | | |
| Doruk Emir 2010 | 89 | 2011-13 |
| <i>Emir 100%</i> | | |
| Mid-Southern Anatolia | | |
| <i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i> | | |
| The nose has a mix of flavours all quite sweet fruited. The palate starts with richness of fruit but behind is freshness that lifts the flavours towards the back and gives brightness on the finish. | | |
| Doruk Sauvignon Blanc 2009 | 88 | 2011-13 |
| <i>Sauvignon Blanc 100%</i> | | |
| Aegean | | |
| <i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i> | | |
| The nose is very lime fresh and the mix of lime and apple gives a crisp start to the palate. Slightly sweeter fruit is there in the middle but towards the back the citrus comes through and refreshes the finish. | | |
| Doruk Narince 2010 | 88 | 2011-13 |
| <i>Narince 100%</i> | | |
| Mid-Eastern Anatolia | | |
| <i>Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011</i> | | |

The nose is very scented with lots of floral fragrances. There is a lovely freshness to the fruit on the palate that brings out the fragrances and spice on the back palate.

Doruk Chardonnay 2009 **88** **2011-14**
Chardonnay 100%

Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose has a good depth of fruit with greengage very much in evidence. There is a mix of flavours on the palate the fleshier greengage backed by crisp apple flavours producing a good balance of sweetness and freshness.

Rosé Wines

Quattro Rosé 2010 **86** **2011-13**
Kalecik Karasi 80% Hamburg Muscat 20%

Mid-Northern Anatolia

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose is light with a rose petal quality and although there is strawberry showing on the start of the palate the mid palate lacks weight and has a pear drop character that spoils.

Red Wines

Vinkara Red 2007 **86** **2011-13**
Kalecik Karasi 50% Bogazkere 20% Öküzgözü 10% Cabernet Sauvignon 10%

Alicante Boushe 10%

Mid-Northern Anatolia / South East Anatolia / Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose is light with not a lot of sweet fruit. There is some sweetness on the palate all quite black fruited but as the tannins are firm and the acidity quite high it tends to dry in the middle and lack length.

Quattro Red 2008 **87** **2011-15**
Bogazkere 40% Öküzgözü 40% Alicante Boushe 20%

Mid-Northern Anatolia / South East Anatolia / Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

Black fruits intermingle with fresher red giving some complexity on the nose. Although there is a slight lack of depth on the mid palate there some richer flavours towards the back.

Doruk Kalecik Karasi 2009 **85** **2011-14**
Kalecik Karasi 100%

Mid-Northern Anatolia

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

There is not a great deal of fruit showing on the nose and the start of the palate lacks depth and concentration. The back palate has a slight mustiness that overrides the fruit

Doruk Öküzgözü 2009 **88** **2011-16**
Öküzgözü 100%

Mid-Northern Anatolia

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

There is some lovely sweet fruit on the nose with black fruits appearing to dominate. The palate has a mix of flavours sweet black fruits backed by fresher red. There are layers of flavour giving complexity.

Doruk Merlot 2009 **88** **2011-15**
Merlot 100%

Mid-Northern Anatolia / Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The fleshy black plum is underpinned by some fresher red cherry that gives a lighter feel to the mid palate. The ripe black fruits come through towards the back giving richness on the finish.

Doruk Öküzgözü Bogazkere 2009 **88** **2011-16**
Öküzgözü Bogazkere

Mid-Northern Anatolia / South East Anatolia

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

There are some nice rich flavours on the nose and sweetness on the start of the palate. Bramble intermingles with black cherry both underpinned by some redcurrant. The fruit on the back palate feels ripe giving sweetness

Doruk Bogazkere 2008 **86** **2011-14**
Bogazkere 100%

Mid-Northern Anatolia / South East Anatolia

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

The nose is quite closed and the tannins show through on the palate holding back the fruit. The sweetness that comes through in the middle is overtaken by acidity and tannin leaving the finish very short.

Doruk Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 **87** **2011-15**
Mid-Northern Anatolia / Aegean

Tasted at Wines from Turkey tasting Vinopolis London February 2011

Cassis and black cherry feature strongly on both nose and palate. The fruit feels sweet but the tannins are firm quite aggressive and they hold back the fruit on the finish.

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